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PREFACE.

A brief Manual of Prayer and an Aid to Private Devotions, especially for young Christians—this was the object held in view in the preparation of this little volume, which it is hoped may serve as *an aid, and encouragement*, to a great many persons, who sincerely desire to come up to the measure of their duty and privilege in the worship of God. A book of this kind, placed in the hands of young and old, may be of great service to them for their well being here and hereafter. It consists of seven parts: 1—Scriptural Invitations to Prayer; 2—Aids to Private Devotions; 3—Family Prayers; 4—Table Prayers; 5—Prayers for and in behalf of the Sick; 6—Prayers for the use of those who are Sick; 7—Prayers for the Social Prayer Meeting.

May this little book, faithfully used, become a guide and companion to many a pilgrim through the desert of this world to the Heavenly Jerusalem above. J. H. G.

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I. Invitations to Prayer.

Ps. 145; 18, 19.—"The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them."

Jer. 29; 13.—"And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

Matt. 7; 7.—"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

1 Thess. 5; 17.—"Pray without ceasing."

1 Tim. 2; 8.—"I will, therefore, that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting."

Phil. 4; 6.—"In everything by prayer and supplication with thankgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

James 5; 13.—"Is any among you afflicted? let him pray."

Isa. 55; 6-7.—"Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near."

Acts 17; 25-28.—"He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; and hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation, *that they should seek the Lord*, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: for in him we live and move, and have our being."

II. Aids to Private Devotions.

1. Before Uniting with the Church.

(Also on the anniversary of the day.)

John 6; 68, 69.—"Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God."

Matt. 16; 24.—"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

Isa. 41; 10.—"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee: yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

Matt. 10; 32, 33.—"Whosoever, therefore, shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven."

John 17; 3-10.—"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. I pray for them; I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me: for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine."

Rom. 10; 10.—"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth, confession is made unto salvation."

Ps. 116; 13, 14.—"I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord, now in the presence of all his people."

O Lord, my Savior, grant me grace, in this hour of preparation, for the solemn

step, by which I devote myself to thee, and to thy service, for life and for death, that I may be able truly to renounce myself, and to lean in faith upon thee, and thy perfect work. O be my strength in my weakness, and instruct me by thy Holy Spirit. Be thou henceforth my Prophet, to teach me, my Priest and Sacrifice, to atone for me, and my King, to rule over me. Help me to become more and more united to thee, that I may truly confess thy name, and present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to thee; and that with a free and good conscience I may fight against sin and Satan in this life, and afterwards reign with thee eternally in the life above. Keep me, O Lord, ever in union and fellowship with thy Church, that I may enjoy the dispensation of the means of grace: so that living in thy fear, and dying in thy favor, I may at last be gathered, with all the ransomed, into the Church triumphant in heaven. Amen.

Dear Savior, help me this day, to renounce with all my heart, all evil, the lusts of the flesh, the lusts of the eye,

and the pride of life. I humbly beseech thee, so to surround me with thine loving arms of grace, that I may never stray from thy fold, but remain faithful unto the end. Amen.

(On the anniversary of the day.)

O most merciful God and Father, who art faithful in all thy promises, from the depths of the heart I praise thee, that thou hast enabled me to see and understand my sin and misery: that thou hast revealed to my heart the blessed Redeemer, the Chief among ten thousand, and the one altogether lovely, who alone is able to rescue from sin and death: and that I have a comforting hope that through true faith I have become thy child, and an heir of thy promises. O God, help me henceforth to lay aside all sin, all desire after the vanities of this world; to consecrate myself wholly, body, soul, and spirit, unto thy service. Be near me, dearest Savior. Be thou to me the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. Uphold me by thy free grace. Send to me the fullness of thy Holy Spirit, that I may be, and remain, thine for time and eternity. Amen.

2. Before Going to Church.

Ps. 26; 12.—"In the congregations will I bless the Lord."

Ps. 95; 6, 7.—"O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand."

1 Pet. 1; 25.—"The word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you."

O Lord, hear my prayer, for I will go to the house where thine honor dwelleth. I will go to thy house, according to thy great goodness, and pray towards thy holy temple in thy fear. Amen.

O God, let thy Holy Spirit, who on the first day of the week descended on the Apostles, descend also upon me, that I may be in the spirit on this Lord's day. Help me to worship thee as I ought. O let me join in the prayers and praises and services of the church, with ardent and heavenly affections. Let me hear thy word with earnest attention, and obey it with a sincere and humble mind. Let me devote this day to rest; to meditation, praise and prayer. And let the words of my mouth, and the meditations

of my heart be always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer. Amen.

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3. After Entering the Church.

Hab. 2: 20.—"The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him."

Ps. 84; 10.—"A day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness."

Gen. 28; 17.—"This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

O God, from above proceed all holy desires, all good resolutions, and all just works, grant unto me at this time that peace which the world cannot give. Help me to worship thee in the beauty of holiness. Fulfill the desires and petitions of my heart, so far as it seemeth good in thy sight, and grant me in this world the knowledge of the truth, and in the world to come everlasting life. Amen.

I wait for thee, O Lord, my soul doth wait. In thy word do I hope. Let thy mercy be upon me, according as I hope in thee. Amen.

Unto thee do I lift mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens. Mine eyes wait upon the Lord my God, that he may have mercy upon me. Amen.

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4. Before the Lord's Supper.

Gal. 6; 14.—"God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Rev. 3; 20.—"Behold I stand at the door, and knock: If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

1 Cor. 11; 28.—"But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup."

Luke 18; 13.—"God be merciful to me a sinner!"

1 John 3; 1.—"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God!"

Isa. 53; 5.—"He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

John 15; 13, 14.—"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you."

John 15; 5.—"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."

O most merciful God, grant me a holy sorrow of heart, a living trust in Christ, a sure hope of mercy, through his precious blood: that I may with a good conscience, a believing, penitent and thankful spirit, approach the table of the Lord. Amen.

Savior of the world: may thy uplifted cross strengthen my faith. May thy sufferings touch and melt my Soul. Help me to come to thy table with a broken and a contrite spirit, which the High and Holy One will not despise. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ: let thy crucified body sanctify me unto everlasting life. Let thy blood wash me pure from all my sins, and open to me an entrance into thy holy kingdom. O Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, let thy body and thy blood strengthen me, preserve me, and all communicants, in true faith, love and hope, unto eternal life. Amen.

Strengthen my faith, O Lord, that I may not only receive the emblems of the

body and blood, but that I may also partake of the Lord himself : so that not only may I live, but that Christ may live in me : and that the life which I shall yet live, I may live in the faith of the Son of God, who hath loved me, and who gave himself to the death of the cross for me. Amen.

Dearest Lord, once crucified for me, but now risen from the dead and exalted to heaven, thy loving-kindness draws me, and I rejoice in view of the privilege of partaking of the cup of salvation. O grant that by thy grace I may be entirely consecrated to thy service, now and hereafter. Amen.

O most merciful Father : who hast called me to partake of the spiritual food of the body and blood of thy dear Son : grant me the wedding garment of the righteousness of Christ, that I may come, duly prepared, to thy heavenly feast. Show me my sins, and wash them away in the blood of Jesus. Deepen my repentence ; quicken my faith ; fill my heart with love ; save me from coldness and

formality. Bless me with an earnest spirit, and receive me, unworthy though I be, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

O thou who hast loved me, and descended unto the most cruel death for my sake, fit and prepare me worthily to partake of the Holy Supper. Thou desirest my heart: I give it to thee. O grant me the benediction of thy Holy Spirit, that thou mayest dwell in me, and keep the Supper with me, and I with thee. Amen.

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5. After the Lord's Supper.

Rev. 1; 5, 6.—"Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion, for ever and ever. Amen."

1 Pet. 1; 15.—"But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation."

Col. 2; 6.—"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him."

O most holy and most merciful Father: having tasted this day how sweet are the joys that Christ gives to them that seek him in truth, and how pure are the pleasures that flow, through the spirit of all

grace, from a living union with Christ our Head : grant that I may all my lifetime fit myself more and more, by growing in holiness, for the eternal Sabbath of communion with thee in heaven. Amen.

O Savior, as thou didst give thyself a sacrifice for me, that I may yield myself a sacrifice to thee : grant that my whole life may be a worship, in which I may serve thee, and live unto thee : so that thou mayest be my all in all, and that in thee I may attain unto the resurrection of the body, and eternal life. Amen.

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6. On Entering upon the Duties of the Day.

John 9 ; 4.—"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day : the night cometh, when no man can work."

Matt. 26 ; 81.—"Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation ; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Heavenly Father, be with me this day in my going out, and in my coming in. Make me watchful and circumspect in my walk and conversation. Put thy fear

into my heart, O God, that I may be kept from sinning against thee. Amen.

Direct me, O Lord, in all my doings, by thy gracious Spirit, and further me with thy continual help: that in all my works, begun, continued and ended in thee, I may glorify thy holy name: and finally, by thy mercy, attain unto everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord God, who hast safely brought me to the beginning of another day: defend me by thy power; guard me against sin and error: and so order the events of this day, that they may promote thy glory, and the welfare of my fellow-men: through Christ the Lord. Amen.

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7. On Retiring to Rest.

Ps. 4; 8.—"I will lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me to dwell in safety."

Ps. 121; 2-5.—"My help cometh from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; he that keepeth thee shall not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand."

Take me, O Lord, under thy gracious protection during this night. Preserve me from all dangers and perils. Keep me in peace and in safety. Give me that rest that shall refresh me in body, soul and spirit. Grant that I may arise, in health, to praise thee for thy goodness: for Christ's sake. Amen.

Let my sleep be sweet, and free from sin. May the Savior and Guardian of my soul take me under his protection this night and evermore. Amen.

I offer unto thee, O Lord, my evening sacrifice of thanksgiving. Thou hast preserved me from all dangers during the day now past. Thou hast been my support from my youth until now. Under the shadow of thy wings let me pass through the darkness of this night in comfort and peace. Make me to remember thee on my bed; to think upon thee when I am waking, and to commune with mine own heart. And whatever days thou shalt please to add to my life, let them all be devoted to thy service and to thy glory: for Christ's sake. Amen.

O Lord, grant that I may lie down to sleep with the same charitable dispositions with which I desire and hope to die. I pray for all my friends. I pray for all that are my enemies and adversaries; not for judgment and vengeance upon them, but for mercy; for the remission of their sins, and for their eternal welfare. Amen.

To my weariness, O Lord, vouchsafe thou rest. To my exhaustion, renew thou strength. Deliver me from the terror by night, and the pestilence that walketh in darkness. Supply me with restful sleep; and grant that I may pass this night without fear. O Keeper of Israel, who neither slumberest nor sleepest, keep me in safety of body and soul. Let me awake, and be present with thee. Let me lie down in peace, and take my rest: for it is thou, Lord, only who makest me to dwell in safety. Amen.

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8. On the Death of one's Father or Mother.

Ps. 116; 15.—"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

Ex. 3; 6.—"I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."

Luke 20, 38.—"He is not a God of the dead, but of the living: for all live unto him."

Almighty and most merciful God, the consolation of the sorrowful, and the support of the weary: thou dost not willingly grieve nor afflict the children of men. Look down in pity, I beseech thee, upon thy servant whose joy is turned into mourning. According to the multitude of thy mercies, be pleased to uphold, guide and strengthen me in my affliction, that I may not faint, but find in thee my comfort and refuge. Help me to keep in grateful remembrance all that the departed one has done for me, in the years that are past; and may this encourage me to live and labor well while the Lord gives me life: for Christ's sake. Amen.

O Lord God, Heavenly Father, who alone art the author and disposer of life: from whom our spirits have come, and to whom they shall return: I bow myself before thee, and acknowledge thy sover-

eign right, both to give and take away, as seemeth good in thy sight. O Lord, help me to rest in thy word, that thy thoughts are higher than our thoughts, and thy ways higher than our ways. I would humbly, but in faith, say: The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away: Blessed be the name of the Lord. Amen.

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9. On the Death of a Friend.

Job 14; 14.—"If a man die, shall he live again?"

John 11; 25, 26.—"Jesus said unto Martha, I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

Isa. 64; 6.—"We all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away."

1 Cor. 7; 29-31.—"But this I say, brethren, the time is short: it remaineth that they that weep be as though they wept not; and they that rejoice as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not; and they that use this world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of this world passeth away."

Ecc. 9; 10.—"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might: for there is no work nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave whither thou goest.

O God, I humbly beseech thee to make me deeply sensible of the shortness and

uncertainty of human life: and grant me that the Good Shepherd may lead me safely through this vale of tears into another and a better land. I bless thee for the Christian hope revealed through thy dear Son, and that we know that he has gone before us to prepare those mansions above for those that are his. O grant, that when I shall have served thee in my generation, I may be gathered unto my fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience: in the communion of thy holy Church; in the assurance of a certain faith; in the comfort of the Christian hope: in favor with thee, my God: and in perfect charity with all the world: for Christ's sake. Amen.

O most merciful Father in Heaven: grant me grace to bear with Christian submission this afflicting stroke from thy hand. Teach me, that in love, and as a Father, thou hast visited me so heavily. Direct my thoughts to where alone true comfort can be found, even the revelation of thy fatherly wisdom, and the love of my merciful Redeemer. Help me to remember that such must also be my lot

some day: that I too must close my eyes on this world, and pass away from the land of the living. O, when my turn shall come, may I lie down in peace, and fall asleep in Jesus. To this end, may my loins be girt, and my light be burning, looking for thy summons. And thus may I be enabled to praise thee forever in thy kingdom above: through him who is the Resurrection and the Life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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10. When under Conviction of Sin.

Ezra 9; 6.—"O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God."

Job 42; 6.—"I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

Ps. 51; 17.—"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise."

1 John 1; 9.—"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Mark 10; 47.—"Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me."

Mark 9; 24.—"Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief."

1 John 1; 7.—"The blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanseth us from all sin."

O Lord, I am ashamed to come before thee. But I must come, or perish. I de-

spair of myself. My own righteousness is but as filthy rags. I know that thou art angry with the sinner. But I know that thou pitiest me. Else why do I yet live. O make me full of genuine sorrow for all my sins ; but also full of hopes of thy mercy and forgiveness : for Christ's sake. Amen.

O most Holy and most Merciful God : spare me, thy poor, sinful, but repenting creature. O give me rest—rest in thy perfect atonement ; rest in the blood of Jesus, which cleanseth from all sin : rest in that victorious faith, which lays hold on the perfect work and infinite merits of Christ, my Savior. Amen.

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11. After a Relapse into Sin.

Luke 15 ; 21.—"Father, I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son."

Neh. 13 ; 22.—"Spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy."

Dan. 9 ; 8.—"To us belongeth confusion of face, because we have sinned against thee."

Ps. 51 ; 4.—"Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight."

Ps. 69 ; 1-15.—"Save me, O God ; for the waters are come in unto my soul. I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing. I am

come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me. I am weary of my crying: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God. O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me. Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: let me be delivered out of the deep waters. Let not the waterflood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up."

O Almighty and Merciful God, I humbly prostrate myself, a guilty sinner, before thy throne, accusing and condemning myself, with true and heart-felt sorrow, for my sins. I confess them with shame and confusion of face. Have pity upon me, according to thy great goodness: and according to the multitude of thy mercies blot out our transgressions: for the sake of the passion and the merits of Jesus Christ, my Savior. Amen.

O most merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all penitent men, and desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his sins and be saved: mercifully hear my humble prayer, and forgive my great transgressions. Spare me, good Lord, spare me, an unprofitable servant. Enter not into judgment with thy servant, but so

turn thine anger from me, who truly, in dust and in ashes repent of my sins, and so make haste to help me, that I may see thy reconciled face ; that I may ever live in communion with thee, both in this life, and in the world to come: for Christ's sake. Amen.

I, a poor sinner, confess before thee, my God, and Creator, that I have grievously sinned against thee, not only with outward transgressions, but with inward unbelief, blindness, pride, envy and other sinful affections. I deplore my sins of omission and commission. I repent of these sins with faith unfeigned, and I sorrow on account of them. I heartily beseech thee for mercy and forgiveness. O grant me daily increase of thy Spirit, that I may be able to turn from all sin, to resist all temptation, and hereafter to live entirely to thine honor and glory : for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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12. In Times of Adversity and Poverty.

Ps. 50; 15.—"Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me."

Ps. 102; 17.—"He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer."

Prov. 30; 8, 9.—"Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: lest I be full and deny thee, and say, Who is the Lord? or, lest I be poor and steal, and take the name of my God in vain."

James 2; 5.—"Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world, rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?"

2 Cor. 8;9.—"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

Matt. 5; 3.—"Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Matt. 6; 26, 33.—"Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?.....But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

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O merciful Savior; who didst feed the thousands with the few loaves and fishes, and who art the same, yesterday, to-day, and forever, look upon me with an eye of compassion. Help me, that I may not despair, but trust in the faithful Father, who feeds the fowls of the air, and will not forsake me, if I trust in him. Cause goodness and mercy to follow me all the

days of my life, and let me dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

O God, my Heavenly Father: in thee alone is my help, in this time of adversity. Thou hast sorely afflicted me, but I know that it is in love. For thou art a merciful God, and wilt not lay upon me a burden too heavy for me to bear. Unto thee do I lift up mine eyes. Place around me thine everlasting arms; make me to know, that as my days, so shall my strength be. Hide me under the covert of thy wings, and speak comfort to my soul. Amen.

Thou art able, O Lord, so to strengthen me, that I may be able to bear up under all my privations and wants. Thou didst not spare thine only-begotten Son, wilt thou not with him freely give me all things necessary for my temporal and spiritual wants? Help me to regard the lilies of the field. O Thou who clothest the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, make me to know by faith, that thou wilt much more clothe me and mine. Thou knowest, O Heavenly Father, that

we have need of all these things. Make me to seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness: and let all these things be added thereto: for Christ's sake. Amen.

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13. In Times of Prosperity.

Ps. 62; 10.—"If riches increase, set not your heart upon them."

Matt. 10; 8.—"Freely ye hath received, freely give."

Ps. 103; 2–4.—Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies."

1 Tim. 6; 17–19.—"Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life."

Acts 20; 35.—"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Heb. 13; 16.—"But to do good, and to communicate, forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

O Lord, God of all providence, it is thine to endow with wealth, or to subject to poverty. May prosperity and abundance never become a snare to my soul. May they not estrange my heart

from thee. Teach me, that a man's life consists not in the abundance of the things that he possesseth, and that even poverty, with the divine favor, is better than riches, where thy blessing is not present. Therefore take not away from me thy Holy Spirit, and teach me to lay up treasure in heaven, that shall never pass away : for Christ's sake. Amen.

O Heavenly Father, thou hast indeed blessed my labors and efforts far beyond what I have deserved. Thou hast prospered me thus far. O make me sincerely thankful. Tune my heart to praise thee as I ought. Put a new song in my mouth, even thanksgiving unto my God. Preserve me from being too much taken up with the things of this world. Make me ever mindful that this world is not my abiding home, my rest. Amen.

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! Teach me to praise and bless thee for all thy goodness and mercy. Let thy temporal blessings remind me of the greater riches of thy goodness revealed in the gift of thy son,

for redemption from sin and for adoption into thy family. Seeing thy great mercies, teach me to ask, What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits? Teach me to regard myself as thy servant, thy steward: that so I may do good to all men, and faithfully discharge all my duties to my fellow-men, and to the church of the living God. And at last be prepared to render up a good account: through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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14. In Times of Temptation.

James 1; 2, 3.—"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience."

1 Cor. 10; 13.—"God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

Heb. 4; 15.—"For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with a feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."

2 Cor. 12; 9.—"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness."

Heb. 2; 18.—"For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted."

1 Pet. 5; 8.—"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour: whom resist steadfast in the faith."

O God, Faithful and Merciful Father, the Refuge of all who are tempted and tried, aid me in the midst of the temptations of this wicked world. Suffer me not to be tried above what I am able to bear. Grant me watchfulness and patience in all my temptations. Out of the depths I cry to thee for strength, for help and for deliverance. Merciful Saviour, stretch out thine arm and uphold me, and bring me at last in safety to that world, where sin and temptation shall cease, and where sorrow and sighing shall be no more: for Christ's sake. Amen.

O Lord, when the enemy comes in like a flood, do thou lift up a standard against him. Enable me to stand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand: through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

O Faithful Saviour, who art the true Shepherd of souls, let me hear thy voice

sounding in my ears, Watch and Pray. Grant me a just sense of my own inability and weakness, that I may rely, not in my own strength, but on thy sustaining grace : so that I may be diligent in prayer, fervent in the Spirit, and by thy strength may be a conqueror in all the assaults of the evil one : through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ. Amen.

O Holy and Merciful Saviour, have mercy upon me in all hours of temptation and trial : in all dangers of soul and body ; in prosperity and in adversity ; in the hour of death and in the day of judgment. O save and deliver me, and all followers of Jesus. Amen.

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15. In Times of Despondency.

Ps. 143 ; 4.—"My spirit is overwhelmed within me ; my heart within me is desolate."

Ps. 116 ; 6.—"I was brought low, and he helped me."

Isa. 61 ; 1, 2.—"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me : because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek ; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted ; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord ; to comfort all that mourn."

1 Cor. 16; 13.—"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."

Isa. 43; 2.—"When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee: and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee."

Phil. 4; 13.—"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Grant, O Lord, that amid all the difficulties, dangers, darkness and adversities of this life, I may depend upon thy powerful help and thy great mercy, and on thee build my hope, as on a sure foundation. Let thine infinite love in Christ Jesus deliver me from despondency and despair, from doubt and unbelief: both now amid the present difficulties, and at the hour of death: for Jesus' sake. Amen.

O Lord, my God, thou seest that my heart is overwhelmed within me: that I am faint and weary. O lead me to the rock that is higher than I. Why art thou cast down, O my soul? And why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him

who is the health of my countenance, and my God. Amen.

O Thou, who art my Guide and Friend, my Counsellor and Advocate, to thee I come in this my time of need. Lord, thou knowest how sorely I am tried by spiritual doubts and fears. Have compassion upon me. Pity thy servant, and in thine own good time make every doubt and difficulty to vanish. In the meanwhile support me by thy grace. O hold me up, lest I sink. Let not the waves overwhelm me. Speak to my heart, and make me to feel thy love towards me. Show me that thou art indeed my Father and my God. Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief. Hearken to thy servant in his distress, and when thou hearest, put forth thy power to save: for thine own sake, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit art one God over all, blessed forevermore. Amen.

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16. In Times of Care and Trouble.

Ps. 31; 9, 10.—"Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble. For my life is spent with grief and my years with sighing."

Ps. 37; 5.—"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass."

Ps. 70; 1.—"Make haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O God."

Ps. 126; 5, 6.—"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

1 Pet. 5; 7.—"Cast all your care upon him, for he careth for you."

Rom. 5; 3-5.—"We glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope; and hope maketh not ashamed."

"Job. 5; 19.—"He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee."

O God, my heavenly Father: in all my cares and sorrows, I look up in faith unto thee, in whose hands are all our ways. Help me to say with all my heart, Thy will be done. And grant that the sorrows of my pilgrimage through this valley of tears, may teach me that this world is not our true rest, but that we must seek another and a better country. Amen.

O most Merciful Father, who hast brought me low, and bowed down my heart in sorrow, graciously hear and as-

sist me now. Sanctify unto me all thy fatherly dispensations, and let them prove a blessing to my soul. I know that thy judgments are right. O inspire me with true wisdom, that I may be submissive to thy will. While I am in the world, keep me from all evil, and let thy good Spirit direct and rule my heart in all things: for Christ's sake. Amen.

O God, thou art the same yesterday, to-day and forever. A thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night. Thou hast been the refuge of thy people in all generations. Amid earthly cares and sorrows, we can find rest and repose in thee. In thee we can lay up a good foundation against the time to come. From the weakness and woes of earth, the heart seeks strength and eternal life in thee. Help me to be patient. Help me to be content. As Jesus drank the deep cup of affliction, and passed through the deep waters of sorrow, and meekly bore his cross: so, looking up to him as my Guide and Pattern, let me ever walk meekly and contentedly in his footsteps,

until thou callest me out of the sorrows of this life, into thy heavenly rest above: for Christ's sake. Amen.

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17. In Times of Sickness or Pestilence.

Hosea 6; 1.—"Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath smitten and he will bind us up."

Ps. 142: 5, 6.—"I cried unto thee, O Lord: I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living: attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low."

Ps. 90; 7.—"We are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled."

Ps. 90; 14, 15.—"O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days: make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us."

Matt. 8; 25.—"Lord save us: we perish."

Lam. 3; 22.—"It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not."

Ps. 145; 20.—"The Lord preserveth all them that love him."

Ex. 23; 25.—"Ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee."

Holy, Lord God Almighty, who of old didst stay the angel of pestilence, at the cry of thy repenting children, and bring back health to a dying people: hear me, as I bow myself before thee in sackcloth

and ashes, and grant mercifully to lift from us the heavy hand of thy righteous visitation: so that we may live before thee, and not die in our sins. O Lord, have mercy upon us, for Christ's sake. Amen.

O Lord God, who rejectest none that trust in thy goodness and rely upon thy promise: I come to thee for succour and for help. Look in mercy upon thy people who are now severely afflicted with the scourge of thy angry hand. O Lord, in wrath remember mercy. Incline thine ear, and hear the cry of thy servant. I confess that thy judgments are just; I humbly acknowledge my sins and shortcomings: and with a penitent and contrite heart, I earnestly pray that thou wouldst in mercy pardon, and spare us, and restore and heal us. Thou hast promised, that if thy people humble themselves, and pray, and seek thy presence, and turn from their wicked ways, thou wilt hear in heaven, and be merciful to them, and heal their land. O fulfill now thy gracious promise. Hear, O

Lord, and be merciful: even for Christ's sake, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit, be ascribed all honor and praise, world without end. Amen.

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18. Longings after Holiness.

Matt. 5; 8.—"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

Ps. 73; 25.—"Whom have I in heaven but thee, and there is none upon earth that I desire besides thee."

Ps. 42; 1, 2, 8.—"As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God; my soul thirsteth for God, for the living God. Who will command his loving kindness in the day time, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life."

Eph. 4; 24.—"That ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."

Lam. 3; 40.—"Let us search and try our ways, and turn again unto the Lord."

Ps. 51; 10.—"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."

Matt. 5; 6.—"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."

Almighty and most Merciful Father, in whose hands are the wills and affections of men, kindle in my heart holy desires and emotions, and drive away all corrupt and evil thoughts. O dispose

me to perfect love and obedience, that I may long after and seek the holiness, without which no one shall see the Lord. O Strengthen and establish me, that amid all the hopes and fears, the joys and sorrows, and the temptations of this world, my heart may be fixed on high, where alone true joys are to be found: for Christ's sake. Amen.

O Lord, Holy and Reverend is thy name! We are not worthy, in ourselves, to enter into fellowship with thee: for without holiness no man can see the Lord. What are we, who are not kept our first estate, and who have passed under the dominion of sin and evil? How can we stand before thee? O Lord, I know thou art of purer eyes than to look upon iniquity with allowance. I long, I thirst, after greater measures of holiness: holiness of life, of conversation and of heart. For thy name's sake, hear me, and accept me in the Beloved. May he be made unto me wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption. Help me, that I may not walk after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Help

me, that I may shrink from every approach of sin. Help me, that I may preserve a conscience void of offense; so that I may rise to higher duties and higher enjoyments, and walk with thee daily, like Enoch of old: for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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19. Longings after Heaven.

John 17; 24.—"Father, I will that they also whom thou hast given me be with me, where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world."

John 14; 2, 3.—"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

1 Cor. 2; 9.—"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

Ps. 55; 6.—"Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest."

2 Cor. 4; 17.—"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

Job 3; 17.—"There the wicked cease from troubling; and there the weary be at rest."

Phil. 1; 23.—"Having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better."

2 Pet. 3; 13.—"Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."

O Merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the first fruits of the resurrection from the dead, and who by entering into glory has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers: raise me up, I beseech thee, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that being a partaker of the death of Christ, and a follower of his holy life, I may be a partaker also of his Spirit and of his precious promises; so that when I shall depart this life, I may rest in thee. Lord, let thy grace enable me to fight a good fight, to finish my course, and to keep the faith unto the end, that at the last day I may stand at thy right hand. and hear the joyful cry, Come, ye blessed of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Grant this, O Merciful Father: for Christ's sake. Amen.

O Lord, Heavenly Father: Glory be to thee that thou hast reserved for thy people an inheritance, undefiled and that fadeth not away. Help me to look forward, in faith, toward that blessed hope, when beyond the wilderness of this

world, I can hope to enter into the enjoyments of the heavenly Canaan. Oh, when shall I be with thee where thou art, and behold thy glory? In thy presence is fullness of joy, and at thy right hand are pleasures forevermore. O Lord, help me to appropriate the precious promise of entering into that rest that is reserved for the people of God. Enable me to lay up a good foundation against the time to come. In Jesus I trust. Amen.

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20. Thanksgivings.

Ps. 113; 1.—"Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord."

1 Thess. 5; 18.—"In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

Ps. 75; 1.—"Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks."

Neh. 9; 5, 6.—"Stand up and bless the Lord your God for ever and ever: Thou, even Thou, art Lord alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all."

Ps. 63; 4, 5.—"Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name. And my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips."

Ps. 145; 1, 2.—"I will extol thee, my God, O King; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever."

Heb. 13; 15.—"By him, therefore, let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name."

James 1; 17.—"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

(Thanksgiving for the gift of a Saviour.)

O most Merciful Father, I humbly thank thee for all thy mercies, both spiritual and temporal; but above all for the gift of thy Son, his life of holy obedience, and his blessed sacrifice upon the cross. Grant me a living faith in this precious Redeemer, and a thankful obedience to all his commands. Help me to love him, for his exceeding great love toward me. And grant, that through his merits my sins may be put away, and nailed to his cross, and buried in his grave, so that they be remembered no more against me. Amen.

(Thanksgiving for the Christian Calling.)

O Lord, my Heavenly Father, I give thee most hearty thanks that thou hast

called me for thine own child, and hast incorporated me in thine holy Church; and made me an heir of thine everlasting kingdom. I thank thee with all my heart that I have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light of thy truth. I bless thee that in weakness and temptation I have been defended by thy heavenly grace; and that in sorrow and trouble I have been comforted with peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. I humbly beseech thee to continue thy grace and favor toward me, so that I may ever walk before thee in thankfulness: through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Thankfulness after recovery from sickness.)

Most Gracious God, the father of all mercies, and the God of all consolation, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death: I bless and adore thee, that thou hast raised me up from a bed of sickness. Blessed be thy holy name for supporting me under the pain and anguish of my sick bed, and for restoring me in thine own good time, to the comfort of health and strength.

Help me, O Lord, to regard this as a renewed call to repentence and amendment of life. To thee would I live in holiness and righteousness and faith, all my days. O help me to forsake every evil way, and above all things to study to do that which is well-pleasing in thy sight. To this end I earnestly implore the aid and guidance of thy Holy Spirit, to keep me firm and stedfast in every promise and resolution. Aid me, that I may be found watching, whenever my appointed time to depart may come, and thus be ready to exchange this frail state of mortality for an immortal crown: through the merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Thanksgiving for Recovery from Sickness.)

O God, my Heavenly Father, thou hast taught us in thy word, that all our times are in thy hand. Thou redeemest our life from destruction, and crownest us with loving kindness and tender mercies. I bless thee that thou hast heard and answered my prayers, and hast delivered me from the power of this disease. I

was brought low, but thou hast helped me.

O Lord, as thou hast delivered mine eyes from tears, my feet from falling, and my soul from death, I would daily ask, What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits to me? Aid me, that I may offer up my life unto thee, as a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and call continually upon the name of the Lord. Teach me, that a recovery from sickness is only a reprieve: that the sentence which dooms man to the dust is only suspended: and that, at most, in a few years I shall go the way whence I shall not return. O Saviour, be with me in life, and in the hour of death forsake me not. Amen.

(A general Thanksgiving.)

Almighty, and Most Loving Father: I will bless thee and praise thy holy name, both now and evermore, for all thy mercies to me. Thou hast multiplied thy mercies upon me from day to day. Glory be to thee, O Lord, for my being and preservation: for health and

strength; for understanding and memory; for friends and benefactors; but above all, glory be to thee for giving thy Son to become our Mediator, and to die for our sins. Glory be to thee for all thy helps of grace, and for the sure hope of heaven. Thou hast indeed dealt lovingly with me. While I live will I praise the Lord: yea, as long as I have any being, will I sing praises to my God. My mouth shall show forth thy righteousness all the day long. Blessed be the Lord, my God, who only doeth wondrous things; and blessed be his name forever; and all the earth shall be filled with his glory. Amen.

(A General Thanksgiving.)

O God, Giver of all good, and Fountain of all mercies; all glory, thanks and praise be unto thee for thine everflowing kindness and mercy: for thy faithfulness, which is from one generation to another: for thy mercies, which are new every morning, fresh every moment, and more than I can number: for seed-time and harvest, and summer and winter: for

food and raiment and shelter : for health of body and of mind : for thy fatherly care in health and sickness, in joy and sorrow, in temptation and trial, in life and death : for friends and kindred and kind benefactors : for home and country: for thy gospel and thy holy Church. Yea, Lord, thou hast crowned thy mercies to us by the gift of thy Son, and by his blessed work. Therefore, I humbly beseech thee, give me grace to offer myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness unto thee, always praising and magnifying thy mercies : for Christ's sake. Amen.

III. Prayers for the Family.

1. A Morning Prayer for the use of the Family.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father: we present ourselves at thy mercy seat, to bring thee our morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Every day brings new proof of thy gracious care, and unceasing kindness. We bless thee that thou hast watched over us during the silence and darkness of the past night, and that thou hast protected us from all perils and dangers of body and soul. Take us, O Lord, again this day, and all the days of our lives, under thy divine care. Be thou our Light, and guide our feet by thy holy word and Spirit, that we may not walk in the darkness of our own ways, according to the desires of our flesh: but that we may have grace to live according to thy divine will. Prepare us, O Lord, for our daily work: and for our warfare against sin and Satan. Defend us from the evil

that is in the world. Guide us by thy counsel. Sustain us by thy Providence. Strengthen us with might by the Spirit in the inner man; and bless us with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus: to the end that we may serve thee acceptably, and in our generation usefully, and at last be made meet for the inheritance of thy saints in light.

Be with us, O Lord, as a household, and go with each one of us, as we separate to our respective labors for the day. Keep us in thy fear. Bless and protect our rulers. Uphold all faithful ministers of the gospel. Be thou the guide of inexperienced youth and the staff of declining age. Build up all thy saints in their most holy faith, and let the ends of the earth soon see thy salvation. Hear us, O God, in heaven, thy dwelling place, and when thou hearest, forgive. We ask it through infinite riches of grace in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

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2. A Morning Prayer for the use of the Family.

O Lord, our heavenly Father: we come before thee now with the voice of prayer

and thanksgiving. Thou art worthy of all honor. The heavens declare thy glory, and the firmament sheweth thy handy work. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth, who hast set thy glory above the heavens!

From our earliest years thou hast blessed us, and led us by thy providence. We beseech thee to visit us again at this time in mercy, and to supply all our temporal and spiritual wants. We are ignorant: do thou open our souls to the knowledge of the truth. We are guilty: do thou wash away our sins in the blood of the crucified one. We are surrounded with temptations: do thou bring us under the banner of the Captain of our salvation, that we may become more than conquerors. Whether we live, may we live unto the Lord. Or, whether we die, may we die unto the Lord: that, living, or dying, we may be the Lord's.

Aid us, Lord, O that as we go unto our daily duties, we may carry about with us a sense of thy presence, and of the re-

lations in which we stand to thee, so that we may be enabled to live to thy glory. In all the trials and cares of life, help us to manifest the spirit and temper of the disciples of Christ; to endure as seeing thee who art invisible; and at all times to look upon ourselves as strangers and pilgrims, who are seeking a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Let thy presence go with us wherever we go. Let thy blessing rest upon us, wherever we dwell. Preserve us this day: for in thee do we put our trust. Thou hast delivered our souls from death; wilt thou not deliver our feet from falling, that we may walk before God alway. Leave us not, nor forsake us, O God of our salvation. May our lives, even now, be hid with Christ in God: so that when he shall appear, we also may appear with him in glory. Hear us now, and when thou hearest, forgive: and accept of us, and bless us. And unto the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, will we give all the praise, world without end. Amen.

3. An Evening Prayer for the use of the Family.

O Father of all mercies, we thy servants lift up our praises and supplications at thy footstool. We pray thee to accept of our persons, and of our sacrifice, for the sake of our great High Priest, Jesus Christ, who has passed into the heavens and taken his seat as our Advocate on high. O Lord, thou knowest our hearts and our needs. Grant us such blessings as we stand in need of. If our burden be a heart of unbelief, lift on us the light of thy truth and scatter our doubts. If we are weary and heavy-laden, give us the rest of the covenant of grace. If we have a name to live, while we are dead, send us an unction from the Holy One. If we are panting after the follies of the earth, and laying up treasures here, show us the vanity of this world's possessions and enjoyments, and put a new song into our mouths, even praise to our God. While we live, may we live unto thee; and when thou callest us hence, may death be gain unto us.

O Most Faithful God and Father: we beseech thee to forgive our sins and in-

firmities with which we are most justly chargeable, in the duties of this day. Remember not our transgressions against us. Cause us to die daily unto sin, and to live unto righteousness. O Lord, increase our faith, deepen our repentence, enlarge and sustain our love toward all men.

O Thou Shepherd of Israel, who never slumberest nor sleepest, unto thy care we commit ourselves this night. Defend us from all perils and dangers, that whether we wake or sleep, we may be the Lord's. Never leave us, nor forsake us. Be our God and Guide through all the changes of life, and cause us to dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

And to thee, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God, we ascribe all praise, and glory, and blessing, and honor, and thanksgiving, world without end. Amen.

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4. An Evening Prayer for the use of the Family.

O Lord our God, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! We adore thee, as the King eternal, immortal and invis-

ible: the only wise, living and true God.

We thank thee that thou hast poured out upon us thy good gifts: that thou hast crowned our days with thy mercy and loving-kindness. We praise thee for all the blessings of this life, and for all the promises of a better life to come. We bless thee for our creation and preservation; for the comforts of every day, and for the support of every hour. Especially do we bless thee for calling us to a knowledge of thy will; for the means of grace and for the hope of glory.

But we acknowledge before thee, O God, that we are great sinners. We feel humbled by reason of our unworthiness, and the frailty and perverseness of our nature, by which we daily transgress thy holy law. O pardon us for Christ's sake. Cast us not down, as cumberers of the ground. Spare us, Good Lord, and may we henceforth be neither barren nor unfruitful. Glory be to God in the highest, that peace has been proclaimed on earth, and good will to the sons of men; that a Saviour has lived and died, that we might be reconciled to God, and thus

become the children of God. Lord, we would believe. Help thou our unbelief.

We pray thee to look down this night upon all who stand in need of thy gracious help. Aid the sick, the afflicted, and the needy. Hear the sighs and prayers of the bereaved and the despairing. Lift up the light of thy countenance upon all who are in the valley of the shadow of death: supporting them in their dangers, and bringing them safely into the land of everlasting rest.

Spread over us the wings of thy protection this night, and raise us up in health and strength on the morning of a new day, fitted for its duties, and fortified for its trials. Be with us all through life. And when the days of our pilgrimage are spent, grant that we may find grace and favor in thy sight; together with all thy people who from the beginning of the world have pleased thee, patriarchs and prophets, apostles and martyrs. And finally bring us to the full enjoyment of thy heavenly kingdom. All of which we pray for, through infinite riches of grace in Christ our Lord. Amen.

5. An Evening Prayer for the use of the Family.

Our Father, who art in Heaven. Again we draw near to thy mercy seat. We would commune with thee, our most faithful and most merciful God, in spirit and in truth. We would come in the new and living way, which thou hast opened for us, through the mediation of our Lord Jesus Christ. Incline thine ear unto us, for his sake, and remember us in mercy.

O God, thou art our God: in thee alone do we place our confidence and trust. Thou hast led us safely along the journey of life thus far. Thou hast blessed us richly and abundantly from day to day; and this day too we have experienced thy sustaining grace. May thy goodness and mercy lead us to true repentence, and may our whole lives be evidences of our gratitude to thee for all thy mercies.

We acknowledge ourselves to be sinners before thee. We mourn and confess our multiplied transgressions. O humble us still more under a sense of our guilt;

and, yet, suffer us not to fall into despondency, but give us that great consolation and good hope, which Christ offers to us through his sacrifice upon the cross.

And now that the shadows of evening have again closed over our dwelling, we beseech thee to spread over us the shelter of thy protection during the night watches. When we lay us down to sleep, do thou, O Lord, cause us to rest in safety. Defend us from the terrors of the night, and preserve us from all evil. May we also remember thee, and may we arise to praise thee.

O Faithful God and Father: we also beseech thee to bless the whole household of faith, and all ranks and conditions of men. Prosper the kingdom of Christ in every land, and give light unto them that yet sit in darkness, and in the region and shadow of death. Bless our nation, its rulers and its people. In all our borders may there be peace and contentment: and in all our dwellings may evening and morning sacrifice ascend up to thee.

Grant us this night refreshing sleep. And when the night of death overtakes

us, may we have an entrance ministered unto us, into thine everlasting kingdom: into the rest that remaineth for the people of God: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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IV. Table Prayers.

The eyes of all wait upon thee, and thou givest them their meat in due season. Amen.

Bless us, O Lord, in what we are about to receive; and give us grace to enjoy everything in thee, and thee in everything: for Christ's sake. Amen.

O God, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, enable us to receive these fruits of thy bounty with gratitude: and give us grace, that whether we eat or drink, or whatever we do, we may do all to thy glory, and be accepted in the Redeemer. Amen.

O Lord, Creator and Preserver of all things: we beseech thee to bless these bounties now before us to our use, and

us to thy service: through Jesus Christ. Amen.

In thee, O Lord, we live and move and have our being. Thou preservest us, and all that we have is thine. Grant now thy divine blessing upon what is set before us, and enable us to receive it with thankfulness. Feed our souls also with the bread of life, and strengthen us, that we may do thy holy will: through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(After a Meal.)

Accept, Heavenly Father, our heartfelt thanks for this, and for all thy blessings: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We praise thee, O Lord, for this renewed token of thy favor. May we be truly thankful to thee, and manifest our gratitude by our lives: and be fitted finally to eat in thy heavenly kingdom above: through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

V. PRAYERS.

To be offered in behalf of the Sick.

1. A Prayer in behalf of a sick person at the commencement of a sickness.

O merciful Father, who hast set bounds unto our lives, beyond which we cannot pass, help us to be grateful unto thee, for the many days of health we have enjoyed at thy hands. And as this (*sister*, *brother*, *friend*, *or child*) is now called upon to drink of the bitter cup of affliction, help (*him*) to do it with patience and humility, submitting entirely to thy merciful and holy will. O teach (*him*) that sickness and sorrow are warning messengers from on high to forsake all sin, to live unto holiness, to be prepared for our latter end, and to make our peace with God. We know from thy word, O Lord, that thou permittest chastisements to come upon thy people, in order that they may not be condemned with the world, but may become transformed into the likeness of thy dear Son, and thus be prepared to enter with him

into thy glory. O grant (*him*) therefore the presence of thy Spirit, that (*he*) may meditate during the night watches of this sickness, on the vanity and misery of this present life, and on the glory of the eternal world : so that (*he*) may bear this affliction with submission and humility, kissing the rod whereby the Lord is chastening (*him*), and trusting wholly in thy mercy through Jesus Christ. And if it may be thy will, we humbly beseech thee, O Father of all mercies, restore (*him*) speedily to health and strength, that (*he*) may still further carry out thy purposes on earth. All of which we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

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2. A Prayer for a Sick Person.

Almighty and Eternal God, Creator, Preserver, and Ruler of all things, to whom belong the issues of life and death: we implore thee to look down in mercy upon this thy servant, whom thou hast been pleased to visit with bodily affliction and disease. Let thy fatherly goodness and mercy be near, as a rich fountain of comfort and strength, that (*he*)

may bear this sickness with Christian fortitude and patience. Encourage and quicken (*his*) faint soul with thy Holy Spirit, that (*he*) may by repentence and faith be prepared for all the issues of this present sickness. O do thou help, that (*he*) may come to a true estimate of this life, its vanity, its abiding cares and sorrows, so that (*he*) may be ready to obey cheerfully thy call, whether that call be to further serve thee in thy earthly vineyard, or to depart this present life and be at rest with the children of God. Strengthen (*his*) faith in the merits of Christ's death, and in the power of his resurrection and intercession, so that in all (*his*) sufferings the Lord may be a present help and a faithful friend. Let (*him*) cast all (*his*) cares on thee, submit entirely to thee, with child-like confidence and trust. We know that the way of the cross is a heavenly way, and that even in and through sickness the Lord is ready to do good unto those that love and obey him. Grant (*him*) grace to be in charity with all men; to set (*his*) earthly house in order, and to await the

will of the Heavenly Father. Bless the means made use of for the restoration of (*his*) health, that if it be possible he may again be restored to health and strength.

O Lord Jesus, who hast suffered, and knowest our distresses, and unto whom all power is given in heaven and in earth; mercifully hear our prayers. O spare (*him*) yet a time longer to his friends. Grant (*him*) the comfort of thy presence. Make his faith strong and unwavering, and his hope stedfast. Let thine arms of everlasting love be round about (*him*). Uphold (*him*) by thy free Spirit. And when heart and flesh shall fail, be thou the strength of (*his*) heart, and the stay of (*his*) life. And if thou callest (*him*) hence, may (*he*) depart in peace, and enter into those heavenly joys, which eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, that (*he*) may dwell with thee forever.

Our Father who art in Heaven, etc. Amen.

3. A Prayer for a Sick Person.

Almighty and Most Merciful Father, the everlasting refuge of thy believing

children: hear us, we humbly beseech thee, as we pray in behalf of thy sick servant, whom it hath pleased thee to afflict with bodily disease and weakness. O mercifully comfort and relieve (*him*), so that with returning health (*he*) may live to thank thee, and to praise thee, and to do thy most holy will evermore: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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4. A Prayer for a Sick Person.

O Most Merciful Father, the Strength of the weak, the Comfort of the sorrowful, the Refuge of the distressed, and the life of the dying: we know from thy word that all things, and therefore all sorrows and sufferings, must work together, for good, unto them that love God. For tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope; and hope maketh not ashamed.

O Lord, send down thy Holy Spirit upon this afflicted friend, and grant that (*she*) may be comforted and preserved unto eternal life. Help (*her*) to fight the good fight of faith, and to preserve a good conscience before thee. Remember

not the sins of the past life, nor the omissions of duty. O Lord, grant true repentence, a hearty sorrow for sin, and the preparation of the heart for true comfort. Grant (*her*) a spirit of meekness, of humility, of patience, of submission to thy holy will; of a willingness to bear sufferings, even as Christ bore them.

O Heavenly Father, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, have mercy upon (*her*) and restore (*her*) to health and strength.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who art the author and finisher of our faith, have mercy upon (*her*), and give (*her*) peace.

O holy Spirit, who workest in us both to do and to will of thy good pleasure, comfort (*her*) during the hours of sickness and affliction.

And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep (*her*) heart and mind in the love of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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5. A Prayer for one who is dangerously ill.

O Merciful God and Father, we come before thee, in behalf of thy servant who

is in great weakness of body under thy chastening hand. Look down upon (*him*) in pity, we beseech thee. O Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst even yet raise (*him*) up, and heal all *his* infirmities. Spare (*him*), O Lord, and restore (*him*) to health. Comfort our hearts by granting (*him*) a longer continuance among us. But whatever be thy holy will, give us all submission thereto, and let (*his*) soul be ever precious in thy sight. Grant (*him*) a true repentence, a lively and triumphant faith in Jesus Christ, a hope that is sure and stedfast, entering within the veil. Wash (*his*) soul with the blood of thy Son, that it may be cleansed from all sins, and in the great day be presented pure and without spot before thee. If thou shouldst raise (*him*) again from this bed of sickness, may (*he*) lead the residue of (*his*) life in thy fear, and to thy glory. Or, if thou hast otherwise determined, prepare (*him*) for the hour of departure, and support (*him*) in the last and trying hour. And finally receive us all into thy heavenly kingdom: through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ. Amen.

6. A Prayer for a Sick Child.

O God, who art the Father of all thy children in heaven and in earth, and who takest pity upon us, even as a father pitieth his children: look down in mercy upon this dear child, now stretched upon the bed of affliction. O regard its pain, and suffering, and anguish, as well as our sorrow and affliction. Impute not unto this child its sin and depravity; nor do unto us according to our transgressions. But, we humbly beseech thee, bless it, according to thy great mercy. Bless the means made use of to restore its health. And forgive us all our transgressions for the sake of thy dear Son, who was once a child amongst us. O spare thy child, created by thee, redeemed by thy Son, and consecrated to thy service. Be very near unto it: yea, overshadow it with thy wings of love during all its afflictions. If it be thy will, ease its pains, and speedily restore it to health, to our joy and great comfort; that it may live to praise thee, and to serve thee in the beauty of holiness. But if it must depart, O give it a calm

and peaceful passage from time to eternity: for the sake of the bitter passion of thy Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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VI. Prayers for the use of the Sick and the Dying.

1. A Daily Morning Prayer.

O Father of Mercies, and God of all comfort, my only help in time of need: thanks be unto thee, that thou hast sustained me through the watches of another night, and permitted me to see the dawning of another day. O God, thy mercies are new every morning. This precious truth I am permitted to experience, even in my sickness. How much greater pain and distress might have come upon me! How easily could a sudden death have carried me away! But thou hast remembered me in mercy. Thou hast preserved me by thy almighty power. Therefore I praise and magnify thy name, that thou hast again been a present Helper in my time of need.

Be with me, O God, this day, and do unto me, not according to my sins, but

according to thy mercy. O dearest Saviour, wash me with thine atoning blood, and cleanse me from all my sins. Clothe me in thy righteousness, and make me acceptable, in thee, to the Father. Draw me to thyself, that I may have my highest joy and truest comfort in thee; that I may have peace, and patience, and submission, in the midst of all my bodily sufferings. Deliver me from all the vanities of the world, and break all sinful bands that would bind me to this life.

O Lord, my Saviour, who art the true and only rest of the soul, strengthen me in body and soul, and give me to know thy saving help and comfort. And since thou didst bear the burden of all our sins and guilt, grant that I may receive and experience the fullness of thy redemption: so that whether I live or die, I may be entirely thine, in time and eternity.

Our Father, who art in heaven, etc, Amen.

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2. A Daily Evening Prayer.

O Father in Heaven, who makest me to experience thy mercy, from morning until evening, and from evening until

morning, I thank thee with my whole heart, that thou hast been my stay and support this day, and that thou hast upheld me with thy free grace. I feel how unworthy I am to be the recipient of thy blessings, and how, by reason of my sins, I have deserved to be rejected and forsaken by thee. But thou hast graciously preserved me thus far, and art still willing to call me to repentence, and to invite me to walk in thy paths. Help me to understand that this sickness is also an earnest call from thee. O teach me to be thankful to thee, for all the sufferings of the Saviour, in my behalf. And though the way in which I am called to walk is often dark, help me to believe, that all things must work together for good to me. O that I might love my Saviour from my whole heart, and submit myself entirely to thy will. Sanctify to me all, even the bitterest and most painful trials that I must yet pass through. Grant that this sickness may renew me in the inner man; that it may wean my heart from earthly things; so that I may seek and find my supreme joy

no longer in myself, nor in this world, but in thee. O thou faithful Father in heaven, let me rest this night secure in thy arms; support me through its unknown dangers by thy gracious help; and so watch over me, that no evil may befall me, and that my pain and disease may not increase. Grant me, if it be thy will, refreshing sleep as I rest under the shadow of thy wings. Into thine hands I commit myself, for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth. Amen.

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3. A Penitential Prayer.

O Most Merciful God, my Heavenly Father: remember not against me my numerous offenses, but spare me in thy mercy. O Saviour, spare thy servant, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with me forever. Deliver me from the guilt and burden of my sins; from the sting and terrors of conscience; and from impatience, distrust and despair.

O Lord God, may it please thee to remember me with the favor, which thou bearest to thy people, and visit me with thy salvation. Make me a partaker of

all thy mercies and promises in Christ Jesus; and refresh me with the peace and consolations of thy Holy Spirit. Bless the means that are employed for my recovery, and in thine own appointed time, deliver me from all sickness, that I may live henceforth to thee, and be an instrument of thy glory. Yet not my will, but thine, O Lord, be done. If in thine infinite wisdom my appointed time shall now come, O give me patience and submission to thy holy will: and finally receive me into those heavenly habitations, where the souls of those who sleep in the Lord Jesus do enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. Grant this, O Merciful Father, for Christ's sake. Amen.

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4. A Prayer for Relief from great Pain.

O God, the Holy one, the Comforter of believers, the Strength of the weak, the Joy of the sorrowful: come to me, and help me, in my great pain and misery. I am so faint and weak, as scarcely to be able to live. Strengthen me through thy grace, and ease my pains, that I may be able to bear them. O Holy Spirit, be a witness to my Spirit, that I am a child

of God, and that my Heavenly Father orders all things for my highest good. Quicken my faith, that I may endure this trial. Thou Water of Life, refresh my weary soul, that I may not entirely faint away. Speak to my soul, that I may be assured of the salvation of God, here in this present life ; and in the life to come may enjoy it forever. For the Redeemer's sake. Amen.

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5. Short Prayers in times of Distress.

O Blessed Lord, sustain me in all my trials. Prepare my soul against thy coming, and come when thou wilt. O Saviour of all who hope in thee, do as seemeth best in thy sight. Only grant me a patient and penitent spirit. Make me acceptable thee, while I live, and make my soul ready for thee when I die. Give me grace in this life, and glory in the life to come : for thy name's sake. Amen.

Almighty God, be with me in this hour. Strengthen me, and stay with me, with thy good Spirit, that this time of trial may be blest unto my soul: for Christ's sake. Amen.

Teach me, O Lord, how weak and frail I am: how fleeting and uncertain is my mortal life. Teach me, so to number my days, that I may apply my heart unto wisdom. Amen.

O God the Son, who art the same yesterday, to-day, and forever: thou knowest my pain and distress, for thou art a merciful High Priest. O help me in this trying hour. Amen.

O blessed Comforter: in every distress be thou with me. Help my weakness, alleviate my pain, and let me not sink into despondency and despair. Amen.

O Father, out of the depths I cry unto thee: hear my voice, and be attentive unto my prayer. My hope is in thee: for with thee there is grace and much compassion. O turn my sorrow into joy, as thou hast promised, that those that sow in tears shall reap in joy: for Christ's sake. Amen.

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6. A Prayer at the Moment of Death.

Farewell (*father*, *mother*, *sisters*, *brothers*, *friends*, *kindred*)! Farewell, all the

scenes of earth! Welcome, sun and moon and stars! Welcome, God and Father! Welcome, Saviour, Mediator of the new covenant! Welcome, Blessed Spirit of grace, God of all comfort! Welcome glory! Welcome, eternal life! Welcome, death! Into thy hands I commit my spirit. Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of Truth. Amen.

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7. Short Prayers that may be dictated to Dying Persons.

O Most Merciful Father, help me in my trying hour. O God, Gracious Father, abide with me now. O Jesus, my Lord and my Redeemer, remain with me. I wish to die, relying alone on Jesus. Living, I am his: dying, I am his. O Holy Spirit, strengthen me, keep me, and preserve my soul unto eternal life. Amen.

O Saviour, by thy bitter passion and death, be near me. I cling to thee. O forsake me not. Help me to overcome. I am thine, purchased by thy precious blood. If thou art with me I will not fear death.

Rock of Ages! cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee.
Let the water and the blood,
From thy riven side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.
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O Holy, Blessed and Glorious Trinity, three persons and one God, have mercy upon me, and receive my soul. Amen.

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VII. Prayers for the Social Prayer Meeting.

1. For the Social Prayer Meeting.

Most Merciful Father in heaven, whom all the hosts of heaven obey, and whom all thy children love to praise: we would gather before the mercy-seat with child-like trust in thee. For we know that thou art nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, and that thou wilt hear such as be of an humble spirit. Thou art full of compassion and mercy, long-suffering, and plenteous in goodness and truth. Turn unto us, O Lord, at this time, and have mercy upon us, for we confess and bewail our sins. We desire to turn from them with full purpose of heart. Help us to approach thee with

reverence and godly fear; to be willing to forsake the sins we confess, and to sincerely desire the mercies for which we pray: so that we may be heard and answered when we call upon thee in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We beseech thee, O Lord, to give us grace, that we may be enabled to live as thou wouldst have us to live. Help us so to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. As we grow in years, may we also grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Teach us how to live lives of faith, that our daily walk may be sanctified, and that all our labors may be blessed from on high, and bring honor unto thy name.

Most Merciful Saviour, we beseech thee to bless and prosper thy Church throughout the world. Clothe thy ministers with righteousness, and let the people rejoice in the spread of the gospel of peace and reconciliation. Grant that all thy followers may be earnest, sincere, true-hearted, humble, walking in thy footsteps, and keeping themselves un-

spotted from the world. O save us from the curse of formality, from a vain and worldly spirit, from covetousness, from envy and from luke-warmness. Revive thy work in the midst of thy people. Keep us from errors in doctrine, and errors in practice ; and do thou crown thy work with thy blessing.

O God, we pray that the whole world may soon hear the glad news of redemption in Christ Jesus. We pray thee to fulfill thy promises of old, for the dark places of the earth are still full of the habitations of cruelty. Send forth thy light and thy truth, that the heathen may also be gathered into thy fold. O Saviour, may the trumpet of thine everlasting gospel be blown soon in every land, that the jubilee of the race may come, and that thou mayest see of the travail of thy soul. And unto thee, be all glory and blessing, both now and ever. Amen.

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2. For the Social Prayer Meeting.

O God, our Heavenly Father, we would bow down before thee in humble adoration and praise. We are but of

yesterday, but from eternity to eternity thou art God. We all do fade as a leaf, but thou endurest through all generations. We know, O God, that it is of thee alone that we have been preserved until the present time. We thank thee for thy mercy in prolonging our days. We praise thee for the blessings of health and strength, of prosperity and every-day comforts; for the ability to labor, and for all the success attending our efforts. We thank thee, O our Father, that thou blessest and sparest us, though we have not deserved this. Like as a father pitieth his children, so is the Lord merciful to them that fear him. Especially do we praise thee for the gift of thy Son, that infinite gift: that thou didst send him to us sinners; that thou didst uphold him in all his sufferings; that thou didst accept his redemption; and that thou hast exalted him to be a Prince and a Saviour, so that he ever lives to make intercession for us, in the Holy of Holies above.

We pray thee, O Lord, to teach us to love this Saviour for his matchless love

to us. Write thy laws in our hearts, that we may keep and do them. Make us to be doers of the word, and not hearers only. Yea, do thou reign on the throne of our souls, and rule in our hearts by thy Holy Spirit.

O Lord, we acknowledge, with shame and confusion of face, that we have often been unmindful of thee, and of thy goodness to us. We feel that we have sinned against Heaven, and in thy sight, and are no more worthy to be called thy children. But we bless and praise thee, that thou hast taught us, that the blood of Christ cleanseth from all sin. We would fly, therefore, to Jesus, who hath borne our iniquities, and who is ever able and willing to save.

And now, Lord, we would pray the to enable us to serve thee henceforth with our whole heart. Give us watchfulness and strength, and presence of mind, to resist sudden temptation, and all assaults of Satan. Make us to walk uprightly, and consistently, as the sincere followers of Jesus. Bless us in our going out, and in our coming in.

We beseech thee also to bless all who are near and dear to us. Bless our Pastor: support him in his responsible labors. Bless our country, and those who are in authority over us. Guide and direct all who are in places of public trust. Give peace and prosperity to our land, and to all that dwell therein. Remember thy Church universal. Send forth faithful laborers into thy vineyard. May the kingdoms of this world soon become the kingdoms of our Lord, and may the knowledge of the Lord soon cover the earth, as the waters cover the sea. O Lord, forgive all our offences, watch over us, and finally receive us into thy kingdom above: for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

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3. For the Social Prayer Meeting.

O God, eternal, immortal, invisible. Thou, even thou alone, art God. For thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host; the earth, and all things therein; the sea, and all things therein. And thou preservest them all. All the hosts of heaven do worship thee. O help us also to worship

thee in the beauty of holiness, in spirit and in truth.

Help us, O God, at all times to remember thy goodness and thy mercy. For thou dost daily load us with benefits. Thou givest us our food, our raiment, our homes, and all that we have. Thou hast watched over us ever since we were born, and by thy providence thou hast crowned our lives with thy gifts of love. Thou hast cast our lot in a Christian land, a land abounding in gospel privileges. Thou hast surrounded us with the holy influences of thy Church. For all these blessings we return thee the sincere love and gratitude of our hearts.

Help us by thy grace, O Lord, that we may improve these, our privileges and mercies. We seek thy pardoning grace; we submit ourselves without reserve to thy will.

O pour out thy spirit upon us here, that the work of the Lord may prosper. And when thou hast served thy righteous purposes with us here, grant O Lord, that we may be numbered among those, whom thou wilt gather from among all kindreds, and people and tongues, to praise and glorify thee forever, in thy heavenly kingdom: through riches of grace in Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

VIII. Prayers for Christian Endeavor Meetings.

Dear Lord, we pray thee to bless our Christian Endeavor Society. Strengthen its members. Bless the active members and help them to take active part in the prayer meetings. Bless the associate members and help them that they soon may become active members. Bless the topics of our prayer meetings to our growth in grace. Bless our leaders and guide them as they lead the services. If any of our members are careless make them interested. We are all only endeavoring, but do thou bless our endeavors, and make them the beginnings of greater things for thee. May this society be a mighty power for good in this church. Keep us from bickerings and strifes. Make us all self-denying and kind. Build us up in faith and in character. Amen.

Blessed Saviour, thou who wast young and never wast old, we come to thee as young disciples. Help us by thy sympathy and strengthen us by thy love. Thou knowest the temptations of youth, for thou wast tempted, deliver us from them. Help us to fashion our young lives more

like thy life. Give us ever the youthful spirit until we come to that land of eternal youth where they shall "run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." Amen.

Father, O Father, thou art our father, we are thy children, help us to be like thee in spirit as we are in name. Thou dost love us with an infinite Father's love, help us to love thee in return. Give us the dutiful, obedient spirit of true children that we may always do thy will. Help us ever to be mindful of thy slightest call. Feed us from thy fatherly table with the bread and water of life, and at last gather us in thy eternal home to be with the great family of God forever. Amen.

Dear Saviour, thou art our Saviour, save us from sin—from both its guilt and power. Blot out all our guilt from the book of thy remembrance and remember our sins no more against us. Wash and cleanse us thoroughly from our iniquity. Make us pure and clean within, and as thou hast taken away our guilt on the cross, O give us strength to resist the power of sin, and especially to conquer our own besetting sins. Save us also from the power of sins around us in the world. Keep us from bad com-

panions and from going to places of temptation. Help us to overcome sin around us, as well as within us, so that we may inherit at last a place by the tree of life in heaven. Amen.

O God, thou art Light, be our light. Illuminate our hearts by thy Holy Spirit. Take away any darkness of error within our minds, and explain to us the dark things. Though we cannot understand thy mysteries, help us to trust them to thee. Make our whole hearts within us bright by thy light. Give us light before us as well as within us. Do thou light our paths before us as thou didst light the way of the Isrealites through the wilderness, by the cloud by day and pillar of fire by night. And at last take us from this world of darkness and sin to thy home of ineffable light above. Amen.

Our Father, lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Keep our members from the little sins of Christians. Keep us from getting angry or being selfish or proud, or acting mean, or being jealous. Help us to to be willing to sacrifice self and to live only for others and for thee. Keep us from spoiling our Christian consistency and influence by going to such places of amuse-

ment as might cast a reflection on thy name or by going into any pleasure where thou wouldst not go. O make us all spiritually minded and less worldly minded. May we grow like Christ, that others may see Christ in us. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. Amen.

O Thou who art the Great Shepherd, bless, we pray thee, thine under-shepherd, our pastor. Remember him in great love. Encourage his heart in his work. Give him many souls for his hire. Bless him as he preaches and give his words power. Be with him also as he visits our homes, especially when he comforts the sick and the dying. Remember him with blessings in his home, in his study, in his private devotions. Give him great power with thee in prayer, and with us in preaching and example. And at last may he and we be gathered in the eternal Church of God in Heaven. Amen.

Dear Jesus, thou wast tempted as we are. In the wilderness thou didst resist the devil, help us also to resist him. In Gethsemane an angel came and strengthened thee; do thou, greater than an angel, strengthen us when tempted. Thou art touched with the feeling of our in-

firmities, and wast in all points tempted like as we are. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Keep us each one from our besetting sin. And as we resist these temptations, may we grow stronger by the conflict. May we endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. And finally take us to that land where temptations and sin can never reach us. Amen.

Lord God of the Sabbath, help us to keep thy Sabbaths. Thou hast commanded "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," help us to do only what thou wouldst have us to do. Keep us from desecrating Sunday by Sunday excursions, or buying on Sunday. We thank thee for these Sabbaths. How often have they strengthened us, and been foretastes of heaven to our souls. O bless to us the Sabbath—"the pearl of days." Restrain all Sabbath-breaking, and help us to use the day for our growth in grace. Bless us when we go to church. Bless the Sunday School and the Prayer Meeting. Amen.

Prayers for Christian Endeavor Committees.

Flower Committee.

O Lord Jesus Christ, bless our Flower Committee. We thank thee for the beauty of flowers, "God's kisses on earth." We thank thee that we can make our homes beautiful with them and that we can bring them to beautify our church. And now we pray thee to bless the flowers as they go to make glad some home. Remember the sick to whom we send them. Make the flowers messengers of comfort and hope to them. Restore the sick to health. Be thou their Physician. Give them strength to bear their sickness and sanctify it to their growth in grace. If they do not yet know thee as their personal Saviour, O bring them to thee. May their sick-beds lead them nearer to Christ. Through much tribulation may they at last attain eternal life with thee. Amen.

Temperance Committee.

O Lord, bless the Temperance Committee. Open the eyes of all in our society to the great evils of intemperance. O save the drunkard from a drunkard's grave. Keep us from in any way aiding this evil. Help us to totally abstain for

the sake of our influence to others. Keep any of our society from giving any wine or liquor or tempting any one by drink. Keep our members from signing petitions for license for a saloon. Make us strong and united against this terrible curse. Break the power of the saloon in politics. Save our country. Save us. Save the drunkard from intemperance. Amen.

Lookout Committee.

Lord Jesus, bless the Lookout Committee. Help them to be watchful for thee. Make them active in securing new members and give them great wisdom in dealing with souls. Bless them as they look up our delinquent members and try to win back those who have lost interest. Make their efforts a great blessing to our society, and help us to aid them in every way. Amen.

Social Committee.

Dear Saviour, let thy blessing rest on our Social Committee. Help them to keep up sociability among our members. O keep us, as a society, from coldness and stiffness. Help us to welcome strangers to our meetings. Bless the socials than are held by our societies. Especially do we pray thee that we may not only be social with one another, but

on intimate terms with thee, our God, and may we continually live in thy blessed society here, that we may be fitted to spend a blessed eternity with thee hereafter. Amen.

Sunday School Committee.

O Lord, remember our Sunday-school Committee. Bless the superintendent and all the officers. By thy blessed spirit teach the teachers how to teach their scholars. May the scholars early learn thy precepts and be kept from sin. Make the Sunday School Committee efficient in bringing in new scholars, in helping to keep order, and in aiding in teaching, and reward them for their labors by success. Amen.

Good Citizenship Committee.

Thou King of Kings and Lord of Lords, bless all nations, but especially our beloved land. Remember the President and all who rule over us in nation, state, and town. Bless our Good-Citizenship Committee in their efforts to purify the politics of the country. Bless them as they try to suppress the power of the saloon. Help us to encourage them by our prayers and our sympathies. Restrain all our national sins and make us a godly nation. Amen.

Prayer Meeting Committee.

Remember, O Lord, the Prayer Meeting Committee. Give them wisdom in selecting our leaders and in guiding our devotions. Help us to support them by taking part in meeting, and when the temptation comes to us to keep silent, help us to resist it. Give us hearts to sing, words to speak, and prayers to make. O may thy divine spirit come down with Pentecostal showers on our meetings, refreshing our spirits and building up our characters and our faith. Amen.

Missionary Committee.

O Thou Redeemer of the world, remember our Missionary Committee. We pray thee for the heathen that they may be saved. Have mercy on them in their dark and lost condition. Lead them to light and bring them to Christ. Remember especially the foreign missionaries of our own denomination. Bless them and may they save many souls. Bless the native churches, bless the heathen converts, strengthen them in persecution and keep them firm in the faith. O hasten the day when salvation shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. Amen.

Junior Society.

Thou Saviour of the children, remember our Junior Society. We thank thee that thou wast a child and dost love little children. Take the children of our Junior Society in thine arms and bless them as thou didst when on earth. Help them to sing hosannas in thy temple as the children did in Jerusalem. Bless our committee who has charge of the Junior Society and guide them. Bless the boys and girls who are officers of that society. Bless those who lead their prayer-meetings, bless them as they take part in their prayer-meetings. Make them better boys and girls. May they lay the foundations of character in the Junior Society and may they be kept from lives of sin. And thus grow up to become members of the Church and of our Society. Amen.

Sentence Prayers.

For Beginners.

Lord help me.

"Tell others all around,
What a dear Saviour I have found."

Give me strength to take part, dear Saviour.

Keep me from looking at myself or thinking of others when I take part. Help me only to think of thee, and do it for thee, O Christ.

Bless our church and make me more faithful to it.

Help me to grow in grace as I grow in years.

Jesus, thou art strong but I am weak, give me of thy strength.

Walk with me continually and help me to walk with thee.

Open mine eyes to see wonderful things out of thine law.

Help me ever to look to thee, dear Saviour, "as the author and finisher of my faith."

Bless those who want to take part and have not the courage, and give them strength to stand up for Jesus.

Bless my companions and bring them all to Jesus.

Help me to endeavor to speak for Christ, to live for Christ and at last to die in Christ.

Let me hold sweet and precious communion with thee.

"Lord save, I perish !"

"Lord I believe, help thou mine unbelief !"

Consecration Prayers.

For Consecration Meeting.

"But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe.
Here Lord I give myself away,
'Tis all that I can do."

Take me, make me, break me.

"Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my hands and let them move,
At the impulse of thy love.

Lord send me where thou wilt, only go with me. Lay on me what thou wilt, only sustain me. Cut every cord but that which binds me to thee.

Lord help me "forgetting the things that are behind, to press forward to the mark of the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus."

Lord, make me better, nobler, purer.

Help me to be more Christ-like in my home, my business, and my pleasures.

Consecrate me to thee, separate me from the world and dedicate me to thy service.

Take me, body, soul, and spirit, that I may love thee and my neighbor.

"Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean, wash me and I shall be whiter than snow."

Thine would I live, thine would I die,
Be thine through all eternity.
Blessed Saviour thine am I,
Thine to live and thine to die,
Height or depth or earthly power
Ne'er shall hide my Saviour more,
Ever shall my glory be
Only, only, only thee.

"My heart I give to thee sincerely and entirely."*

*Note—Calvin's Motto.

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